

This bill would rename the post office located in my district at 850 Walnut Street in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, after First Sergeant Leonard A. Funk, Jr.

Leonard was a lifelong resident of the Pittsburgh area. First Sergeant Funk enlisted in the Army months before the U.S. entered World War II, where he volunteered to be a paratrooper.

His time in the military was notable. After jumping into Normandy on D-day with the 82nd Airborne Division, he earned the Distinguished Service Cross during Operation Market Garden, and on August 23, 1945, President Truman awarded First Sergeant Funk the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Battle of the Bulge.

During this pivotal battle, First Sergeant Funk took charge of his company when his company's officer went down. Despite being outnumbered, First Sergeant Funk led a makeshift group of clerks and soldiers to capture a town held by the enemy and then nearly singlehandedly killed or captured 100 enemy soldiers.

First Sergeant Funk is also one of the most-decorated paratroopers of World War II, having also earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

First Sergeant Funk passed away in 1992 after a civilian career with the U.S. Veterans Administration. I commend him for his heroics and dedication to our Nation.

I am proud to be able to make this small gesture of our Nation's gratitude, spearheaded by the McKeesport community, come to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill to ensure that First Sergeant Funk's legacy is not forgotten.

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5794 which honors Sergeant Leonard Funk.

Sergeant Funk was a paratrooper who served in some of the most critical campaigns during World War II, including the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.

He became one of World War II's most decorated paratroopers. Notably, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, the government's highest and most prestigious military decoration, as well as the Distinguished Service Cross.

Sergeant Funk exemplified what it means to be an American patriot. I am proud to say that following his military service, Sergeant Funk returned to the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where he continued his public service with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Pittsburgh area.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 5794 and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STANTON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5794.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PFC JAMES ANDERSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1095) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, as the "PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1095

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PFC JAMES ANDERSON, JR., POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, shall be known and designated as the "PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "PFC James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1095, a bill to honor private first class James Anderson, Jr.

James Anderson was born on January 22, 1947. After attending Los Angeles Harbor Junior College for a year and a half, he decided to enlist in the U.S. Marines to serve in Vietnam.

Upon graduation from recruit training, he was promoted to private first

class and then transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, where he trained with the 2nd Battalion.

In December of 1966, Private Anderson arrived in Vietnam where he served as a rifleman. While on patrol, his platoon was ambushed, and an enemy grenade landed near him and his fellow marines.

Without hesitation, Private Anderson pulled the grenade to his chest and absorbed the majority of the blast with his body, saving the lives of the marines around him. Due to his heroic sacrifice, Private Anderson was the first African-American marine to receive the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring James Anderson's bravery by naming the Post Office at 101 South Willowbrook Avenue in Compton, California, as the Private First Class James Anderson, Jr., Post Office Building, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1095, which names a Compton, California, Post Office for Private First Class James Anderson, Jr.

PFC Anderson grew up in Compton where he attended Centennial High School and later Los Angeles Harbor College. During college, he decided to enlist in the Marine Corps and serve the United States in the Vietnam war.

While deployed, his platoon was ambushed, and an enemy grenade landed near him and his fellow soldiers. Without hesitation, PFC Anderson threw himself on the grenade, sacrificing his own life to save those of his fellow marines. For this action, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this bill which honors an American war hero, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 1095, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1095.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOHN R. HATCHER III POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5659) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, as the "John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5659

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOHN R. HATCHER III POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, shall be known and designated as the “John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5659, a bill to honor John Hatcher. John Hatcher III was born to a civil rights leader in Birmingham, Alabama, during the Jim Crow era.

He followed in his father's footsteps and spent his life fighting for equality. Mr. Hatcher was a member of the NAACP for more than 60 years, 40 of which he served as the president of the Ventura County Chapter. In addition, he spent 8 years as the NAACP southern area president, covering six States.

He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving for more than 22 years before working as a civil servant for the Department of the Navy.

As a recipient of the African-American Achievement Award at California State University, Channel Islands, Mr. Hatcher aided in the establishment of the Ventura County African American Chamber of Commerce, the Tri County Sentry newspaper, and naming of the Thurgood Marshall School in the Oxnard School District.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring this civil rights leader by naming the Post Office at 1961 North C Street in Oxnard, California, as the John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5659, which honors John R. Hatcher III.

Mr. Hatcher was born in Birmingham, Alabama, during the Jim

Crow era. He spent his lifetime fighting for equality.

He was a longtime member of the NAACP and spent nearly 40 years as president of the Ventura County Chapter and an additional 6 years as the NAACP southern area president.

Mr. Hatcher was also a United States Air Force veteran and served more than 22 years in the military before working as a civil servant for the Department of the Navy. He was honored with the African-American Achievement Award at California State University, Channel Islands.

He also aided in the establishment of the Ventura County African American Chamber of Commerce, the Tri County Sentry newspaper, and the naming of the Thurgood Marshall School in the Oxnard School District.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of H.R. 5659, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5659.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

THELMA HARPER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5271) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, as the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5271

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. THELMA HARPER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Boulevard in Nashville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Thelma Harper Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from

New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5271, a bill to honor Thelma Harper.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COOPER), the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services' Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask support for H.R. 5271, my bill to name this Nashville Post Office for a great friend of mine and a great friend of all Tennesseans, the late State Senator Thelma Harper.

Thelma was many things. She was a beloved public servant. She was the first African American to be elected to the Tennessee State senate, and she was the first female African American to be elected to the Tennessee Senate. She was the longest-serving female State senator in all of Tennessee history.

Her nearly four decades of public service were marked by her tireless service on behalf of her constituents. She started in the city council, and she helped fight a toxic landfill in her community of Bordeaux.

She then moved to the State senate, and she continued to fight for average people in Nashville, Tennessee. She served in the State senate until 2018, and she had a hand in many of Nashville's greatest projects: for example, bringing the Tennessee Titans to our city, the development of Nashville's Music City Center, the downtown public library, and for the National Museum of African American Music.

Thelma Harper was a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and she served as chair of the Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission.

She is fondly remembered by many for her annual Kids' Are Special Too community Easter egg hunts, which kids delighted in, and which I personally participated in for many years. Those were held continuously and are continued by her family since Thelma passed away in May of 2021.

Most importantly, Thelma was a dear friend who was kind enough to include me in her family. She was a member of